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State Pensioners Born in These Years to Get Extra £100 Winter Fuel Payment This Year.

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For many state pensioners across the UK, the winter months can bring financial worries, especially when it comes to heating bills. Thankfully, the government has confirmed that the Winter Fuel Payment, a vital boost to help cover heating costs, will continue in 2025, with some pensioners receiving even more support than before.

Last year, millions of pensioners saw their Winter Fuel Payment reduced or removed due to new means testing rules. These changes meant that only those claiming certain benefits could automatically qualify, leaving many others without this important allowance. However, following widespread concern, a partial U-turn was announced. Now, nearly all state

pensioners will receive the payment again, with only those earning over £35,000 annually required to pay it back through tax.

But what's less known is that the exact amount you get depends on your age and when you were born. This is because the government uses a "qualifying week" in September to decide how much each pensioner should receive.

If you are a state pensioner aged under 80, born on or before September 21, 1959, you will receive a Winter Fuel Payment of £200 this year. For pensioners aged 80 or over, born on or before September 21, 1944, there is good news: you will get an extra £100 added to your payment, making it £300.

The exact payment depends on age and qualifying criteria. Pensioners aged under 80 (born on or before 21 September 1959) will receive £200. Those aged 80 or over (born on or before 21 September 1944) will receive £300

Payments will be automatically disbursed via existing bank details, typically between November and December 2025, following confirmation letters in October.

This change constitutes a £1.25 billion annual cost to the Treasury, partially offset by £450 million through the means-test clawback system.

The Winter Fuel Payment remains non-means-tested in the traditional sense; instead, it employs a higher-income threshold and automatic recovery via tax.

This additional £100 is a recognition of the greater energy needs and costs often faced by older pensioners during the colder months. It's a welcome boost for many, providing more financial relief as heating bills continue to rise.

The payment will be made automatically, usually paid into the same bank account used for your other benefits like Pension Credit. Most pensioners will receive a letter confirming how much they will get and when the payment will arrive.

It's important to remember that this payment is not means-tested in the traditional sense. Instead, the government has introduced a tax reclaim for those with higher incomes to keep the scheme fair and focused on those who need it most.

For pensioners, this means a more straightforward way to receive support without having to apply or worry about missing out due to complicated eligibility rules. The system aims to ensure everyone at the state pension age gets help to stay warm and safe during winter.

With energy prices still high and many families feeling the pinch, this Winter Fuel Payment is a crucial part of the government's support package for pensioners. Whether you're just over state pension age or well into your 80s or beyond, the message is clear: help is there, and for those over 80, there's a bit extra to ease the burden.

If you're unsure whether you qualify or want to check the details, keep an eye out for official letters or visit the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) website for the latest updates.

In the end, the Winter Fuel Payment remains a vital lifeline, helping millions of older people across the UK keep warm and comfortable as winter approaches.

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